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SUBJECT: GREECE MOURNS THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT MAKARIOS

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. GREECE HAS JOINED CYPRUS IN MOURNING THE DEATH OF CYPRIOT PRESIDENT ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS. PRESIDENT TSATSOS WILL REPRESENT THE GREEK NATION AT MAKARIOS' FUNERAL IN NICOSIA ON MONDAY, AND WILL BE ACCCOMPANIED BY MINISTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND RELIGIONS GEORGE RALLIS WHO WILL REPRESENT THE GREEK GOVERNMENT. (FORMER PRIME MINISTER KANELLOPOULOS AND MOST OPPOSITION LEADERS HAVE ANNOUNCED THEY WILL FLY TO CYPRUS TO ATTEND THE FUNERAL.) FLAGS WILL FLY AT HALF MAST THROUGHOUT GREECE UNTIL THE FUNERAL, AND RADIO AND TV HAVE BEEN LARGEY GIVEN OVER TO CLASSICAL MUSIC AND PROGRAMMING RELATED TO MAKARIOS' LIFE AND HIS POLITICAL STRUGGLES FOR CYPRUS. THE PRESS, LIKEWISE, IS FULLY DOMINATED BY THE PASSING OF MAKARIOS. SPECULATION AS TO WHAT THE FUTURE MIGHT NOW HOLD FOR CYPRUS HAS SO FAR BEEN RELATIVELY LOW KEY. EDITORIALLY, THE NEWSPAPERS UNANIMOUSLY STRESS THE NEED FOR UNITY AMONG THE CYPRIOT PEOPLE IN CONFRONTING THE FUTURE.

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2. ALL POLITICAL LEADERS HAVE ISSUED PUBLIC EULOGIES. PRESIDENT TSATSOS DESCRIBED MAKARIOS' DEATH AS A "FRESH AND UNEXPECTED BLOW" TO CYPRUS AND PRAISED THE ARCHBISHOP FOR HIS WISE HANDLING OF THE PROBLEMS OF THE CYPRIOT PEOPLE. PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS STATED THE DEMISE OF THE ARCHBISHOP WAS A CAUSE FOR GRIEF TO GREEKS EVERYWHERE, CALLED FOR UNITY

AMONG THE CYPRIOTS AND PLEDGED CONTINUED FIRM GREEK SUPPORT TO THE CYPRIOT PEOPLE. PRINCIPAL OPPOSITION LEADER GEORGE MAVROS (UDC) SAID THAT AFTER ELEFTHERIOS VENIZELOS, "MAKARIOS WAS THE SECOND LEADER IN OUR CENTURY TO HAVE GAINED INTERNATIONAL RENOWN" AND COMMENTED THAT THE ARCHBISHOP HAD WRITTEN ONE OF THE "FINEST PAGES IN GREEK HISTORY" AND PERHAPS IN WORLD HISTORY. PASOK LEADER ANDREAS PAPANDREOU SAID NOT ONLY GREEKS, BUT ALL PEOPLE "ENSLAVED BY THE SHACKLES OF IMPERIALISM" HAD SUFFERED A GREAT LOSS, AND PROMISED THAT MAKARIOS' "VISION" WOULD COME TRUE.

3. THE MEDIA HAVE DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE SPACE TO THE CONDOLENCES SENT TO ACTING CYPRIOT PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU BY VARIOUS WORLD LEADERS. PRESIDENT CARTER'S MESSAGE RECEIVED GOOD COVERAGE, AS DID SECRETARY VANCE'S STATEMENT AT THE AIRPORT IN BEIRUT. THE RADIO BROADCAST RECORDED COMMENTS BY VARIOUS AMERICANS, INCLUDING SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE CLARK CLIFFORD, SENATOR SARBANES, CONGRESSMAN BRADEMAS AND OTHERS. THE MEDIA MENTIONED FORMER TURKISH PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT'S CONDOLENCE STATEMENT AND NOTED THE ABSENCE OF ANY GOT COMMENT.

4. RADIO AND TV GAVE PROMINENT PLAY TO WHAT WAS DESCRIBED AS THE LAST INTERVIEW WITH MAKARIOS (BY AN ATHENS NEWS AGENCY CORRESPONDENT, SHORTLY BEFORE MAKARIOS' DEATH), WHICH WAS ALSO REPORTED IN THE PRESS. THE ARCHBISHOP IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT WITH REGARD TO A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT "EVERYTHING WILL DEPEND

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ON THE UNITED STATES." SINCE ONLY THE U.S. WAS IN A POSITION TO WORK FOR A PEACEFUL AND JUST SOLUTION. THE ARMS EMBARGO, HE ADDED, WAS A MOST EFFECTIVE MEASURE WHICH HE DID NOT THINK WOULD BE LIFTED UNLESS TURKEY MADE CONCESSIONS.

5. NEXT MONDAY A SPECIAL MASS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE ATHENS CATHEDRAL WHICH WILL COINCIDE WITH THE MAKARIOS FUNERAL IN NICOSIA. THE PRIME MINISTER AND HIS CABINET ARE SCHEDULED TO ATTEND. THE GOG HAS ANNOUNCED THAT GOVERNMENT OFFICES, BANKS AND OTHER PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS WILL BE CLOSED THAT DAY.

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6. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. THE OFFICIAL ASPECTS OF MOURNING ASIDE, MAKARIOS' PASSING HAS MADE A DEEP AND WIDE-SPREAD IMPACT ON THE GREEK PEOPLE. IN THE PUBLIC OUTPOURING OF GRIEF AND CONCERN THAT HAS FOLLOWED HIS DEATH HERE, THE DIFFERENCES AND UNHAPPY EPISODES OF THE PAST HAVE BEEN SET ASIDE. INSTEAD THE EMPHASIS IS ALL ON THE POSITIVE ASPECTS OF THE LATE PRESIDENT'S LIFE IN THE CAUSE OF CYPRUS. THE GREAT CONCERN HERE NOW IS WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT IN CYPRUS, RECOGNIZING THAT IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO FIND A SUCCESSOR WITH ANYTHING LIKE MAKARIOS' STATURE. FOR THEIR PART, HOWEVER, THE GREEKS SEE THIS AS A

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